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UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket No.	8403.972
First Inventor	Donald E. Weder
Title	PLANT SLEEVE HAVING AN EXPANDABLE PORTION
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 33]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
    - Redline Specification \_\_\_\_\_ pgs
    - Clean Specification \_\_\_\_\_ pgs
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages ]

- a. ☒ Unsigned  
Newly executed (original or copy)  
Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
- b. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

18. This application is:

- ☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

Prior application information:

Examiner Unknown

of prior application No.: 10/195,773

Group Art Unit: Unknown

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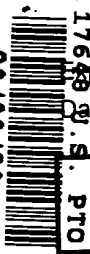
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# PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

Application or Docket Number  
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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I					SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
(Column 1)		(Column 2)						
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA			RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))					\$ 0		\$ 0	
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	46	minus 20 =	*	26	x \$ 9 =	0	x \$ 18 =	468
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	8	minus 3 =	*	5	x 42 =	0	x 84 =	420
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))				0	+ 140 =	0	+ 280 =	0
					TOTAL	0	TOTAL	888

\* If the difference in column 1 is less then zero, enter "0" in column 2

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II					SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY			
(Column 1)		(Column 2)		(Column 3)						
AMENDMENT A		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE	
	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	*	Minus	** 20	=	0	x \$ 9 =	0	x \$ 18 =	0
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus	*** 3	=	0	x 42 =	0	x 84 =	0
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					+ 140 =	0	+ 280 =	0	
					TOTAL	0	TOTAL	0		

(Column 1)		(Column 2)		(Column 3)	ADDIT. FEE		ADDIT. FEE		
AMENDMENT B		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE
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	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus	***	=	x 42 =	0	x 84 =	0
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					+ 140 =	0	+ 280 =	0
					TOTAL	0	TOTAL	0	

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AMENDMENT C		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE
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	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus	***	=	x 42 =	0	x 84 =	0
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					+ 140 =	0	+ 280 =	0
					TOTAL	0	TOTAL	0	

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☒ continuation-in-part

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